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SUBJ: YACHT APOLLO

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CARACAS FOR LEGATT

1. ADVANCE MAN (A MR. SHOMER--PHONETIC) FOR APOLLO APPEARED ON TRINIDAD TELEVISION APRIL 21, AND STATED THAT SHIP WOULD ARRIVE IN TRINIDAD ON MAY 1 AND REMAIN ABOUT 20 DAYS. IN A FIFTEEN-MINUTE INTERVIEW, HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND CHARITABLE AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE APPEARANCES OF APOLLO'S ENTERTAINMENT GROUPS.

2. INTERVIEWER ATTEMPTED TO ASCERTAIN PURPOSE OF SHIP'S
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VISIT TO TRINIDAD. ALTHOUGH SPOKESMAN MADE LENGTHY RES-

PONSES, DISCUSSING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF CREW AND PASSENGERS IN AREAS INCLUDING "INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT," HE DID NOT INDICATE SOURCE OF FINANCIAL BACKING, NAMES OF CLIENTS, OR MEANS BY WHICH SHIP SELF-SUSTAINING. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT HEADQUARTERS OF "OPERATION AND TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION," SHOMER SAID ITS HEAD OFFICE IS WHEREVER SHIP HAPPENS TO BE, AND THAT IT CAN BE REACHED THROUGH ITS HANDLING AGENTS. HE SAID THAT THE YACHT--WHICH HE CALLED A FLOATING OFFICE BUILDING---HAD OPERATED IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA BEFORE GOING TO CURACAO, AND THAT PORT OF SPAIN IS ONE OF PORTS OF CALL CHOSEN BY SHIP'S "BOARD OF DIRECTORS". HE GAVE NO INKLING AS TO NEXT DESTINATION, SAYING THAT APOLLO HAD NEVER VISITED UNITED STATES BUT MIGHT GO THERE SINCE MANY ABOARD ARE AMERICANS, BUT THAT IT ALSO MIGHT SAIL INTO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. SHOMER EMPHASIZED THAT GOOD COMMUNICATION LINKS ARE NEEDED IN YACHT'S PORTS OF CALL, SAYING THAT THEY DEPEND UQON TELEX AND POSTAL SYSTEMS TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS. ENTIRE INTERVIEW MIGHT BE CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARRIVAL OF SHIP, BUT LISTENERS WERE CERTAINLY LEFT IN THE DARK IN ALL SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS.

3. EMBASSY SHARES AMCONGEN CURACAO'S CONCERN ABOUT LEGITIMACY OF THIS SHIP AND THOSE ON BOARD, AND ANTICIPATES QUERIES FROM GOTT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS GROUPS BEFORE AND DURING ITS STAY IN TRINIDAD. WOULD APPRECIATE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

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